

# Housing development for 500 proposed

A 168-unit development housing an estimated 500 people on 12 acres bounded by Wallace St., Highway 25 and the CNR tracks was presented to Halton Hills planning board Tuesday night.

Mick Pestill, planner for North Halton Real Estate, owned by Paul Nielsen and Gino Civerio, explained the plan called for 82 town houses on five acres, 13 semi-detached homes or 28 units on 2.4 acres and 80 condominium

apartments on two acres. A park would cover one acre in the centre of the development and both Wallace St. and Highway 25 would be widened. He said there would be a setback of 75 feet from the

CNR tracks with earth berms and landscaping to create sound barriers. Mr. Nielsen said the semi-detached and town houses would probably be developed first. He said the area tentatively planned for condominiums is negotiable. He pointed out the 80 apartments cover only 25 per cent of the two acre parcel.

Planner Mario Venditti said he felt the mixture of types of homes was suitable to an area abutting an industrial section.

Councillor Peter Marks contended that the density was too high. He said he supported the land being designated as residential but favored a lower density. Councillor Les Duby claimed residential development next

to an industrial area could be an advantage for industries that might locate there. Councillor George Maltby favored the plan, claiming it filled the needs of the area. Both councillors Russ Miller

and Roy Booth stated they felt the density was too high. Planning board received the proposal to the planner for a report and for circulation to all departments.

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**RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY:** After only 10 days of August we have already had more than 70 per cent of the rain which normally falls in the whole month. Friday's sudden shower caught these

people without umbrellas so they waited it out under the protecting canopy. More of the wet stuff is expected.

## Speyside resident fights proposed police tower

There are better locations in the Speyside area for a police communications tower than the selected site behind the school, resident Lloyd Sankey told a Niagara Escarpment Commission hearing Monday.

Sankey, a five year resident who is a successful architect, appealed the Commission's decision to allow Halton Regional Police to put up the 200 foot tower on land to be leased from Halton Board of

Education. Hearing officer Dave Jamieson said his report will be submitted to Minister of Housing John Rhodes in about three weeks. Sankey said other sites for the tower would be more suit-

able since using the 3.2 acres behind the school would take up much needed recreation land. He also thought the tower would present a safety hazard to children and damage the aesthetics of the area.

Sankey agreed communications need to be improved and he supports a Speyside site, just not at the school. He added he shares Southward's view of policing in Acton stating per capita Acton is one of the "worst" communities in Canada. He said he won't let his children on the streets of Acton at night.

## Finance Acton fire hall without debentures

No debentures should be issued for the \$200,000 addition to Acton fire hall, Halton Hills finance-administration committee recommended Monday night.

The committee came up with a method of financing that will involve no debt charges. \$127,433 will come from general town levies and proceeds from sale of land.

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## Lack of ample evidence earns Hydro a separation

Regional Land Division Committee granted a separation on the Fifth Line south of Steeles Avenue on lands where two Ontario Hydro cor-

ridors are planned to meet. The committee granted the separation to Randy Construction Company Ltd., and Robert Kowal Investments

Ltd. Tuesday because there was not enough argument against the proposal.

"There isn't sufficient evidence to deny," the proposal, committee chairman B. Fletcher said.

The 80 acres is part of the south-west half of Lot 15 in what used to be Trafalgar Township, but what is lumped with Halton Hills. Hydro wanted 28 acres.

## Seek parking for firemen

Engineer Robert Austin will look into what can be done to provide Acton volunteer firefighters with parking.

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Mayor Tom Hill suggested the matter be referred to the engineer for a report.

Hill said in all likelihood not much can be done until consulting engineer Allan Zeegan produces drawings for the refurbished fire hall.

"Until then we will just have to make do," Hill said.

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## Highway 25 claims another life Saturday

Keith Andrews, of 219 Mason Blvd., was killed Saturday night in a single car accident on Highway 25 south of Speyside.

Mr. Andrews was northbound on the highway when the car he was driving left the road, clipped several guide posts and landed in the ditch after striking a tree, Milton OPP say.

The accident occurred at 8:37 p.m. according to police. A south bound car, driven by Henry Gross of Florida, was struck by one of the posts snapped off by the Andrews vehicle. No one was injured in the second car.

Mr. Andrews was well-known in the area as a player in the Marx orchestra, a group which he helped form. He was also an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197. He was an employee of Rockwell International in Milton. He is survived by his wife,

Marilyn, daughter Lisa and son Timmy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Andrews, brother Mort of Acton, sisters Fay (Mrs. G. Gow) of Acton, and Donna, (Mrs. S. DeWitt) of Fergus, and his grandmother Mrs. Laura Jordan.

Funeral service was held today (Wednesday) at Shoe-

maker Funeral Home, with the Rev. C. Beaton officiating. Interment is at Fairview Cemetery.

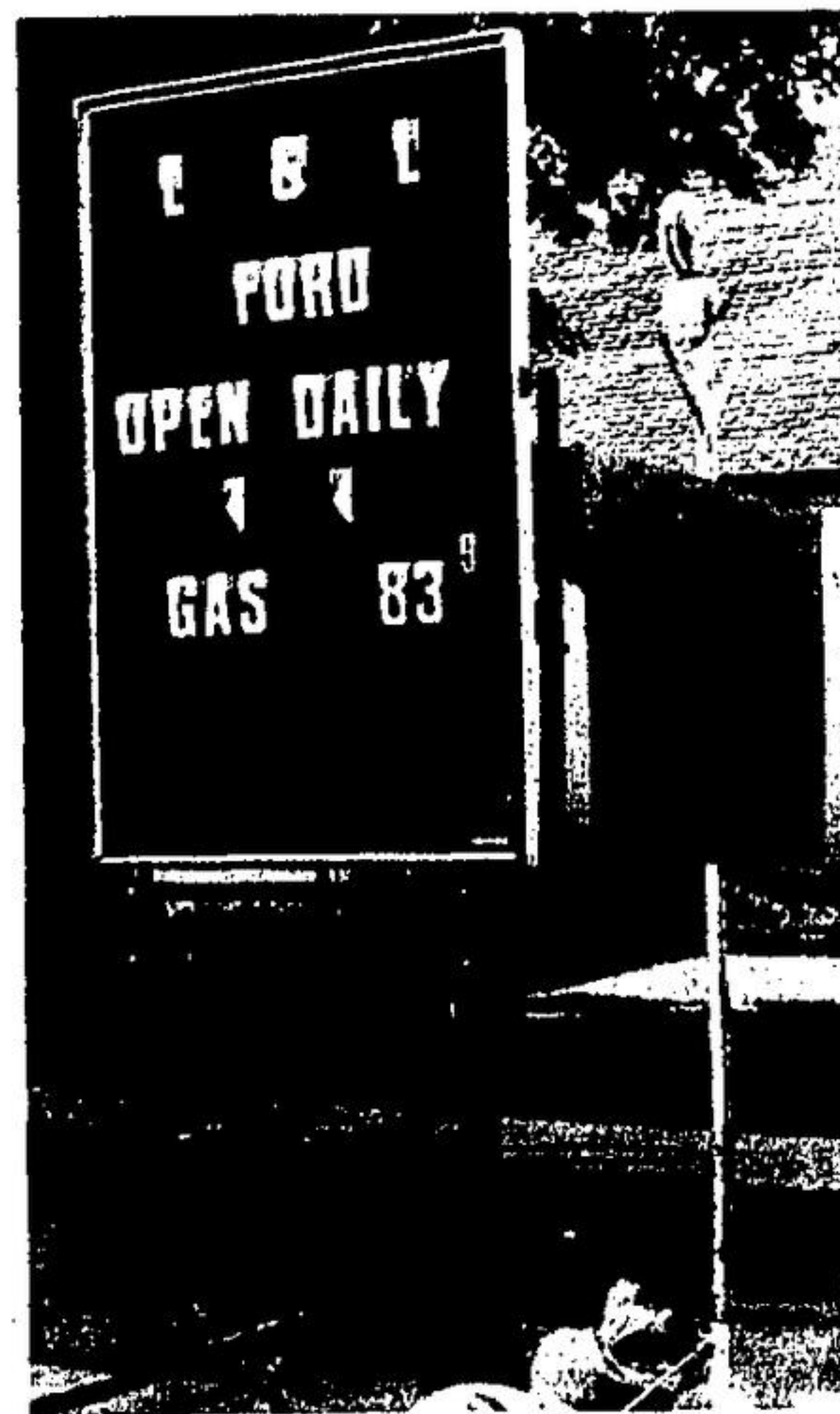
Pallbearers were Bob Doyle, Gerald Bernard, Gerry Arpa, Steve Shultz, Al Strath and Merle Currie. Flower bearers were Murray Ayr and Dorance Matheson.

## Questionnaires come rolling in, says BIA

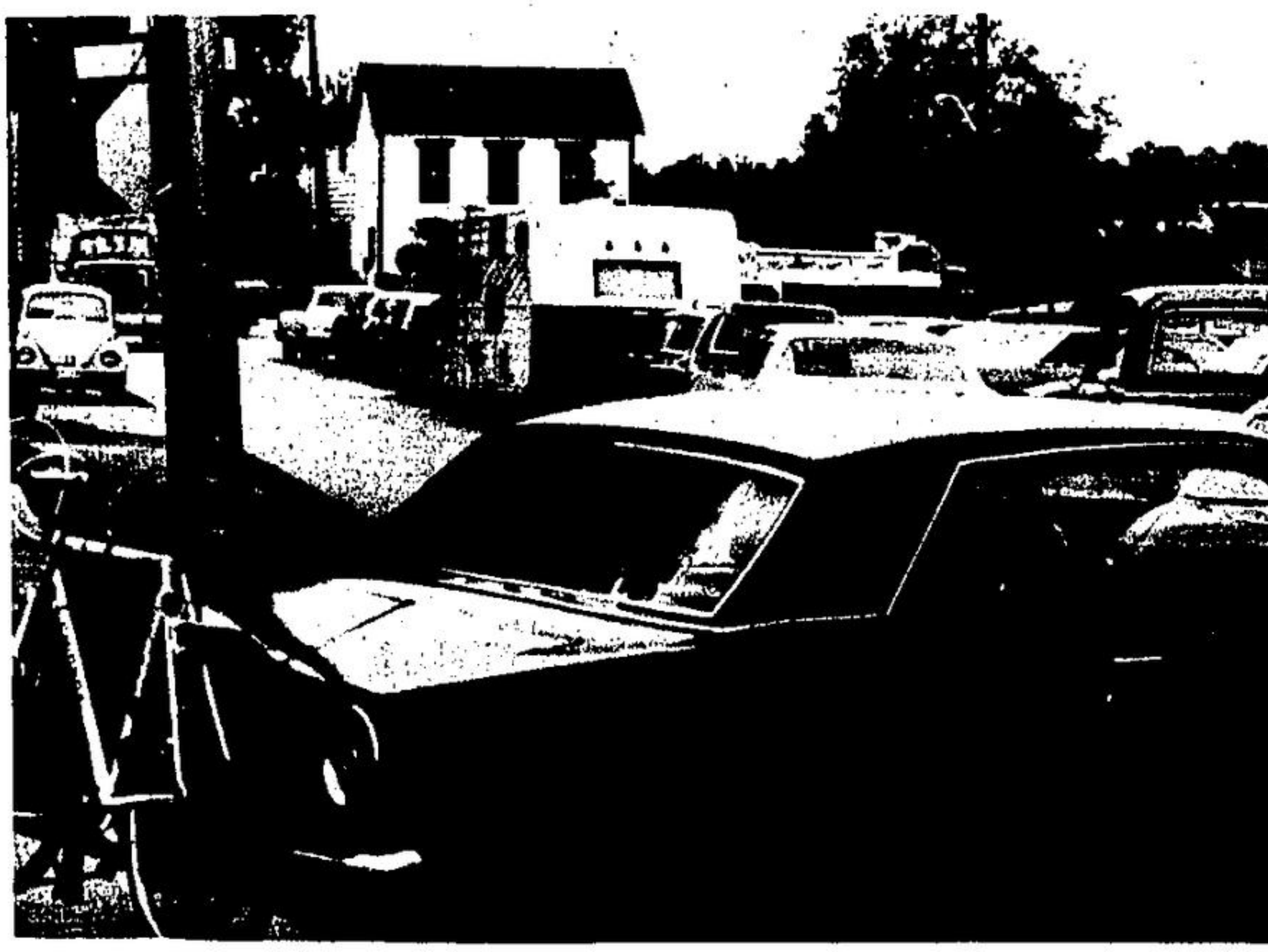
Business Inquiry Agency (BIA) report are coming in well, says chairman Henry MacCoy. There are 75 shops, businesses and professions included in the area affected by the project and he is hoping for replies from most of them.

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Mr. MacCoy is very happy about the positive reaction the report is receiving.



L AND L FORD Sales has given notice to the town that the firm could claim damages for loss of business due to the closing of Main during road construction.



TRAFFIC SNAKES down River St., awaiting the opportunity to cross the bridge via the single lane. Main St. reconstruction has been going on

about a month causing awkward detours. Heavy highway traffic faces particular problems at the corners of residential streets.

## Cops nab drug suspect

Guelph City Police arrested a Royal City resident as a suspect in a drug theft from a town doctor's office.

According to police the doctor left his bag, containing drugs and other items, unattended in his waiting room for a few minutes. When he returned, the bag was missing.

Southward emphasized 55,000 residents and 68 officers are depending on the lower so police can do a better job in the north. He noted since the force was formed in 1974 there have been continual communication problems, especially in Acton.

Inspector Walter Southward of the Halton Regional Police said numerous sites in Speyside were inspected and the school site was the only one available to the force which would work. He explained the tower is desperately needed for communications to officers in Georgetown, Milton, Esqueving, Nassagaweya and Acton.

Southward said if the Speyside tower is turned down the police will have real problems. He explained three transmitters would then be needed and the force can't get three more frequencies.

"This is the only site we have found that will get a signal into Milton, Georgetown and Acton on one frequency," Southward declared.

A Milton mother of two died late Monday afternoon in an automobile accident on Highway 25 North at the corner of Campbellville Sideroad.

Regina Nichols, 29, of 625 Joyce Blvd., in Milton, was travelling southbound on Highway 25 when the car she was in collided with a 1977 International Tractor-Trailer driven by Barry Stoughton of Wilberforce, Ont.

Ontario Provincial Police report an estimated \$3,500 damage to the Nichols vehicle, a 1977 Honda Civic, and \$50 damage to the Stoughton vehicle.

Mrs. Nichols was pronounced dead on arrival at Milton District Hospital. She is survived by husband John and two children.

Mrs. Nichols was a part of the new mental health clinic which served all of North Halton. She was returning to Milton after making a call in Acton when the accident occurred.

A registered nurse, she worked previously in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on the liaison unit for Suicideology and Drug-Alcohol Detoxification. While at St. Joseph's she rotated to work in the hospital's in-patient psychiatric unit as well.

She just recently became a part of the new mental health clinic, a two year pilot project supported by the Ministry of Health and operating under the sponsorship of the Health Unit.

The town's newest employee, Rod Kruger was plucked from the ranks of the region's staff.

Kruger, who has lived on Elmore Drive in Acton for seven years started work in Halton Hills Monday.

This is the third government body in Halton he has worked for. Kruger was at the region for two-and-a-half years and spent an equal amount of time working for Oakville before that.

He will supervise all aspects of development, including subdivisions, in the town and did similar work at both the region and Oakville. Kruger is Halton Hills' first development officer.